GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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RE-INTRODUCTION OF RHINOS IN MANAS NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to re-introduce Rhinos in the Manas National Park, Kaziranga;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps so far taken in this regard;

(d) whether the National Park is facing shortage of staff;

(e) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed in this regard; and

(f) the cost involved therein and the expenditure so far incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Assam has constituted a Task Force for translocation of Rhinos. Three meetings of the Task force have already been convened for finalizing the re-introduction programme.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. As informed by the State Government, necessary action for the recruitment of frontline staff is under process.

(f) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1,54,04,954.00 against which Rs. 30,77,100.00 has been spent so far.